

Town of *Dunstable* Selectboard
Meeting Minutes.
May 14, 2022
Larter Field, Dunstable, MA 01827

Convened: 10:39 am

Present: Leah D. Basbanes, chair, Kieran D. Meehan, vice chair, Ronald J. Mikol, member(s); David DeManche, Interim Town Administrator; Brian Falk, Town Counsel; Rafael Glod, Town Moderator

Call to Order

Ms. Basbanes called the meeting to order noting that the only topic on the agenda are discussions relating to the Annual Town Meeting.

Town Meeting Preparations

The Board began by noting it appears we may be lacking a sound system. Mr. DeManche then confirmed the person was on their way, just running late. It was determined to take no action on Article 7. Mr. DeManche explained that we already had this vote on record, it may have been addressed at a prior meeting. We will also take no action Article 14 as it is not ready at this time according to the Community Preservation Committee. The Board asked about the \$20,000 for the 350th Celebration Committee's work. Mr. DeManche reported it's been inserted into the ATM Warrant. The Board then noted several matters relating to Water Dept. and how to explain them. Mr. DeManche noted his preparations for that and that he would be able to answer those. Mr. Falk then provided some broad general information on how to address the warrant articles and who should make the motions. It was determined to keep with the town's convention of having the Town Administrator make the motions and the Board's chair seconding them. It was also agreed that for procedure and tradition the Board's chair would read the salary and operation numbers for each line of the budget. The Town Moderator noted that this was changed in recent history and we've been reading just the general departments or sections in the budget instead of going line by line. The Board acknowledged that change occurred at one town meeting in recent memory, but that there was a significant amount of public disappointment and criticism with that approach afterwards. It was agreed to return to the past precedent of going line by line. Having no further business to discuss the Board then determined to conclude from discussion of new business and to enter into the Annual Town Meeting.

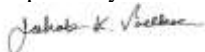
A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to take no action on Article 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meehan and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to take no action on Article 14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meehan and passed unanimously.

A motion to join the town meeting, was made by Mr. Meehan at 11:00 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mikol and passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting subsequent to the town meeting was made by Mr. Mikol at 12:08 pm. The motion was seconded Mr. Meehan and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by



Jakob K. Voelker, Assistant Town Administrator

Approved and adopted on 6/7/22